

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 26, 2015 at 8:05 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Roger Webb (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 418, 3/25/2015; SB 416, 3/25/2015; SB 399, 3/25/2015; SB 419, 3/25/2015

Executive Action: SB 398 Do Pass; SB 408 Be Tabled; SB 418 Do Pass

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 398

00:03:08 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 398 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:03:17 Sen. Keane
00:03:43 Sen. Rosendale
00:04:41 Sen. Ripley
00:05:03 Sen. Keane

00:05:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Sen. Howard and Sen. Rosendale voting no. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Taylor and Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 408

00:06:33 **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SB 408 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:06:45 Sen. Caferro
00:06:52 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:07:12 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 408 BE AMENDED.**
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Discussion:

00:07:32 Sen. Caferro
00:08:09 Sen. Moore
00:08:28 Sen. Caferro

00:09:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy.

00:09:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SB 408 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Keane, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken voting aye. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Taylor and Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

00:10:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 408 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 12-7 by voice vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Keane, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Windy Boy and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Taylor and Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

Vice Chair Keenan assumed the chair. Sen. Caferro left the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 418

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:59 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 418, Authorizing transfers to implement provisions of House Bill 2.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:46 Sen. Keane
00:15:18 Sen. Jones
00:15:30 Sen. Windy Boy
00:15:41 Sen. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:19 Sen. Jones
00:16:46 Chairman Jones assumed the chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 418

00:17:05 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **SB 418 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:17:22 Sen. Ripley
00:17:27 Sen. Keenan withdrew his motion.
00:17:31 Chair Jones
00:18:30 Sen. Keane
00:18:49 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:19:25 **Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 418 DO PASS**. Motion carried 15-2 by voice vote with Sen. F. Moore and Sen. Ripley voting no. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy. Sen. Taylor and Sen. Webb were excused.

HEARING ON SB 416

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:19 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 416, Provide for statewide infrastructure.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:38 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 00:29:43 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
 00:30:49 Melissa Lewis, City of Shelby
 00:33:08 Garrett Lankford, Associated Students of Montana State University
 00:33:38 Harry Wang, Associated Students of the University of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:50 Jon Metropoulos, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties
 (MAOGCC)

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Informational Testimony:

00:45:37 Dan Villa, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
 00:53:13 Terry Johnson, Montana Association of Oil Gas and Coal Counties (MAOGCC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:25 Sen. Rosendale
 00:58:31 Sen. Brenden
 01:00:33 Sen. Rosendale
 01:01:00 Sen. Brenden
 01:01:51 Sen. Keane
 01:02:29 Mr. Villa, OBPP
 01:03:21 Sen. Keane
 01:03:25 Mr. Villa
 01:03:33 Sen. Ripley
 01:04:32 Mr. Metropoulos, MAOGCC
 01:05:01 Sen. Ripley
 01:05:48 Mr. Metropoulos
 01:06:41 Sen. Windy Boy
 01:07:57 Mr. Johnson, MAOGCC
 01:09:08 Chair Jones
 01:09:35 Julie Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 01:16:55 Chair Jones
 01:17:05 Ms. Johnson, LFD
 01:17:12 Chair Jones
 01:17:25 Sen. Sesso
 01:18:16 Ms. Johnson
 01:22:43 Sen. Sesso
 01:23:13 Sen. Hansen
 01:24:14 Ms. Johnson
 01:25:52 Sen. Hansen
 01:26:02 Ms. Johnson
 01:26:31 Sen. Hansen
 01:26:41 Chair Jones
 01:27:38 Sen. Hansen

01:27:54 Chair Jones
01:28:20 Sen. Windy Boy
01:28:43 Chair Jones
01:29:31 Mr. Villa
01:31:28 Chair Jones
01:31:54 Mr. Villa
01:32:35 Chair Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:51 Sen. Brenden

01:35:12 Chair Jones left the meeting and Sen. Keane assumed the chair.

HEARING ON SB 399

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:35:57 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 399, Provide for 529 account for disability expenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:42:46 Jon Bennion, representing himself
[EXHIBIT\(fcs63a03\)](#)

01:46:11 Aimee Grmoljez, representing herself
[EXHIBIT\(fcs63a04\)](#)

01:50:39 Randy Morris, representing himself
01:52:49 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living (MCIL)
01:59:32 John Metropoulos, AWARE
02:00:17 Beth Brennenman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:01:28 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:01:51 Sen. Ripley
02:02:18 Sen. Thomas
02:02:21 Sen. Ripley
02:03:00 Sen. Thomas
02:04:15 Sen. Caferro
02:05:03 Ms. Matthews, DPHHS
02:05:20 Sen. Caferro
02:05:51 Ms. Matthews

02:06:00 Sen. Hamlett
02:06:18 Sen. Thomas
02:07:47 Sen. Keane
02:07:57 Sen. Thomas
02:08:34 Sen. Keane

Closing by Sponsor:

02:08:43 Sen. Thomas
02:12:11 Sen. Taylor and Sen. Webb joined the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 419

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:13:04 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 419, Provide funding for predator control.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs63a05\)](#)

02:16:10 Sen. Keane
02:16:18 Sen. Hamlett

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:16:34 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association, (MSGA)
02:18:09 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:19:57 Sen. Phillips
02:20:25 Sen. Hamlett
02:20:40 Mr. Bodner, MSGA

Closing by Sponsor:

02:20:59 Sen. Hamlett

Committee Business:

02:21:28 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
02:22:01 Sen. Keane
02:22:10 Mr. Moe, LFD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:30 a.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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